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Applicant: Brent R. Stockwell et al. Art Unit: 1639
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Reply responds to the outstanding final rejection of claims 89-156, and summarizes the telephonic interview held between the undersigned and Supervisory Patent Examiner Andrew Wang on June 12, 2003.

The claims were all rejected for lack of adequate written description (35 U.S.C. § 112) and overbreadth/lack of enablement (35 U.S.C. § 112). During the Interview, the undersigned argued that the *Lilly* case was not applicable with respect to the Written

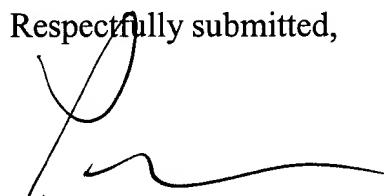
Description requirement, and that the overbreadth rejection should be withdrawn because the scope of enabling disclosure is commensurate with the scope of the claims made in previous Replies, and Examiner Wang agreed to withdraw those rejections.

As Examiner Friend, who had been handling this case for the PTO, has now left the Office, Examiner Wang stated that the case would now be placed with another Examiner in his group, with the instruction that the § 112 rejections be withdrawn, and that a new search of the prior art be conducted.

If the aforementioned search of the prior art does not identify prior art closer than the prior art already of record in this case, Applicants respectfully request prompt allowance of the application.

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